

SB 954 -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON

SPONSOR: Curls (McCann Beatty)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill allows individuals found guilty of the offense of unlawful use of a weapon by the carrying of a concealed weapon prior to January 1, 2017, to apply for an order to expunge records relating to such offense.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is about second chances. Carrying a concealed weapon without a concealed carry permit is no longer an offense. This bill just allows individuals who were convicted of that offense before the law changed in 2016 to have their convictions expunged. Missouri already allows for the expungement of a number of offenses. This bill adds the unlawful use of a weapon offense to that list.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Curls.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.